



Area Labor Profile

Pickens

County



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Labor Force Activity - 2015

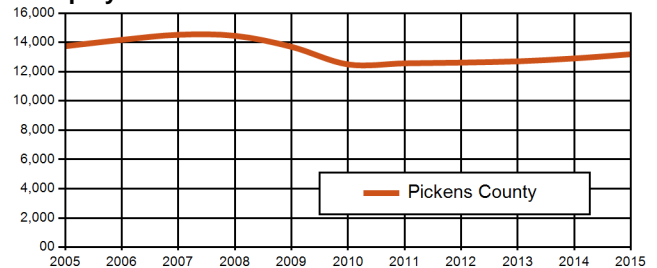
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Pickens	13,920	13,192	728	5.2%
Bartow	47,007	44,306	2,701	5.7%
Cherokee	119,452	113,989	5,463	4.6%
Dawson	10,918	10,376	542	5.0%
Gilmer	11,694	11,010	684	5.8%
Gordon	26,223	24,717	1,506	5.7%
Pickens Area	229,214	217,590	11,624	5.1%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%

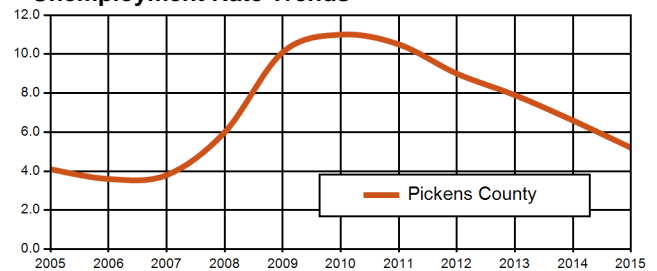
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

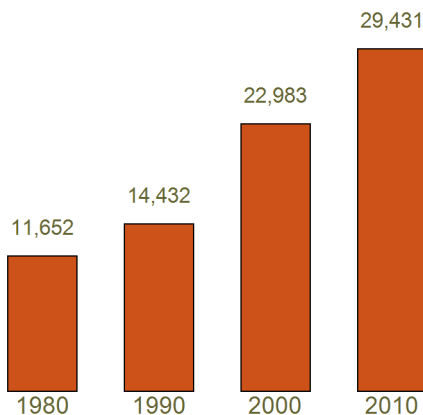
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Pickens	29,431	123	30,309	3.0	33,262	13.0
City of Jasper	3,684					
Pickens Area	449,742		478,242	6.3	564,052	25.4
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

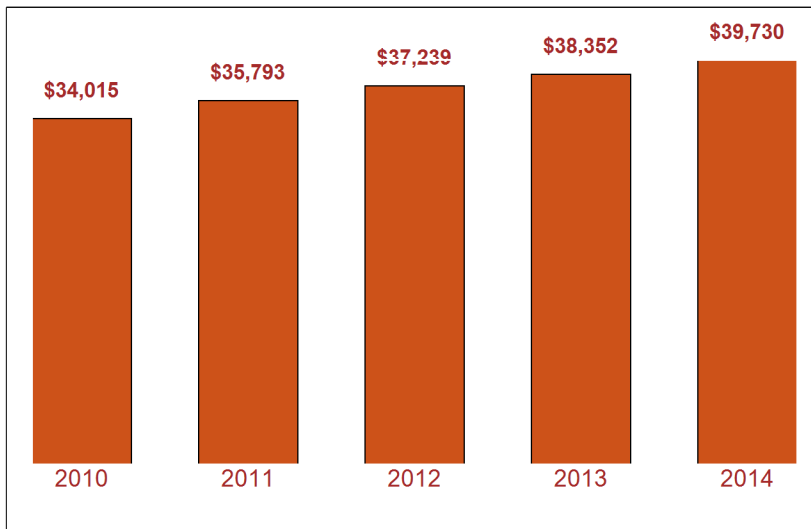
INDUSTRY	Pickens				Pickens Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	153	1,309	17.5	882	2,033	32,188	24.0	890
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	47	0.6	697	74	426	0.3	655
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	*	17	411	0.3	1,285
Construction	101	317	4.2	769	1,386	7,348	5.5	927
Manufacturing	40	775	10.4	821	556	24,003	17.9	876
Food	2	*	*	*	25	2,329	1.7	586
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	12	630	0.5	1,531
Apparel	1	*	*	*	4	153	0.1	745
Wood Product	2	*	*	*	29	563	0.4	644
Paper	2	*	*	*	9	270	0.2	940
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	28	302	0.2	964
Chemical	1	*	*	*	39	1,083	0.8	1,159
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	32	3,564	2.7	870
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	5	88	1.2	870	43	581	0.4	950
Fabricated Metal Product	8	47	0.6	654	75	1,555	1.2	967
Machinery	4	52	0.7	1,089	32	755	0.6	1,037
Transportation Equipment	5	26	0.3	595	18	1,228	0.9	940
Furniture and Related Product	4	*	*	*	39	546	0.4	856
Miscellaneous	2	*	*	*	51	472	0.4	1,072
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	3	7	0.0	965
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	6	271	0.2	760
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	9	910	0.7	1,178
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	13	440	0.3	796
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	33	2,228	1.7	772
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	56	6,112	4.6	817
Service-Providing	541	4,859	65.1	778	8,963	82,409	61.5	650
Utilities	3	*	*	*	13	668	0.5	1,584
Wholesale Trade	41	133	1.8	927	747	4,758	3.5	1,103
Retail Trade	93	1,175	15.7	502	1,407	20,869	15.6	490
Transportation and Warehousing	12	77	1.0	738	256	3,820	2.9	821
Information	9	38	0.5	624	139	1,092	0.8	886
Finance and Insurance	38	222	3.0	984	591	3,024	2.3	1,034
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	37	141	1.9	797	464	1,430	1.1	698
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	78	186	2.5	815	1,294	4,425	3.3	1,046
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5	25	0.3	718	32	157	0.1	1,038
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	30	296	4.0	584	670	6,449	4.8	625
Educational Services	7	*	*	*	120	1,065	0.8	686
Health Care and Social Assistance	82	1,253	16.8	1,437	944	12,694	9.5	895
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8	25	0.3	220	151	2,110	1.6	364
Accommodation and Food Services	51	853	11.4	276	793	15,935	11.9	293
Other Services (except Public Administration)	47	296	4.0	523	739	3,332	2.5	584
Unclassified - industry not assigned	37	37	0.5	740	603	585	0.4	962
Total - Private Sector	731	6,205	83.1	800	10,996	114,597	85.5	718
Total - Government	37	1,261	16.9	723	322	19,434	14.5	775
Federal Government	8	56	0.8	898	55	755	0.6	960
State Government	14	110	1.5	719	97	2,008	1.5	667
Local Government	15	1,095	14.7	714	170	16,671	12.4	780
ALL INDUSTRIES	768	7,466	100.0	787	11,318	134,031	100.0	726
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

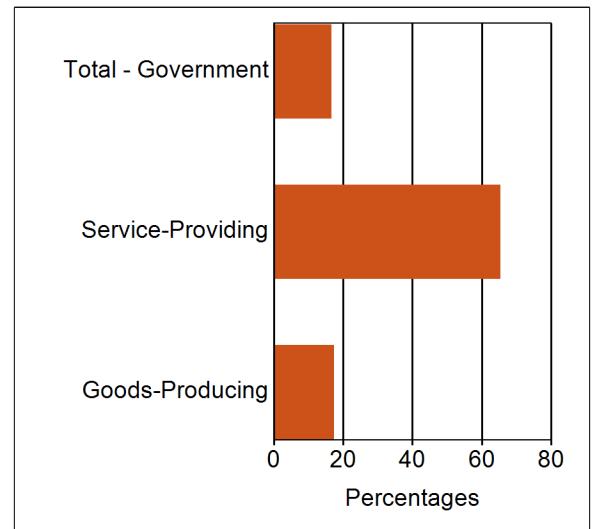
Pickens Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Pickens Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Pickens

Amicalola Electric Membership Corp
Bojangles
Ingles Markets, Inc.
Lexington Precision Corporation
Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc.
Royston, LLC
The Home Depot
The Kroger Company
United Technology Group, LLC
Walmart

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Pickens Area

Engineered Floors, LLC
Gold Kist Inc.
Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP
North Georgia Eye Care
Northside Hospital
Publix Super Markets, Inc.
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
The Kroger Company
Walmart

COUNTY

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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Pickens

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Pickens, GA	6,376	51.1
Cherokee, GA	2,231	17.9
Fulton, GA	900	7.2
Cobb, GA	754	6.0
Forsyth, GA	544	4.4
Gilmer, GA	447	3.6
Bartow, GA	211	1.7
Gordon, GA	140	1.1
Other	867	7.0
Total Residents:	12,470	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Pickens

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Pickens, GA	6,376	66.9
Cherokee, GA	1,132	11.9
Gilmer, GA	683	7.2
Cobb, GA	199	2.1
Dawson, GA	160	1.7
Fannin, GA	149	1.6
Forsyth, GA	135	1.4
Gwinnett, GA	125	1.3
Other	571	6.0
Total Residents:	9,530	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Pickens Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.8%	3.7%	5.3%	4.5%	4.5%	13.4%
Some High School	12.1%	21.0%	12.4%	8.2%	10.4%	15.3%
High School Grad/GED	32.1%	36.4%	28.7%	31.3%	32.5%	33.3%
Some College	21.8%	29.4%	23.0%	21.7%	21.1%	16.6%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.8%	3.7%	6.1%	6.3%	6.8%	4.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	15.9%	5.5%	19.0%	20.4%	16.8%	10.8%
Post Graduate Studies	6.4%	0.2%	5.5%	7.5%	8.0%	6.6%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Bartow	1,087	--	1,087
Cherokee	2,515	--	2,515
Dawson	252	--	252
Gilmer	256	--	256
Gordon	619	--	619
Pickens	255	--	255
Pickens Area	4,984	--	4,984



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Pickens Area

Dawson

Southern Catholic College	http://www.southerncatholic.org/
Dawson Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	www.laniertech.edu
Southern Catholic College	www.southerncatholic.org

Pickens

Appalachian Technical College	www.appalachiantech.edu
Appalachian Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	www.chattahoocheetech.edu

Cherokee

Canton Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	www.chattahoocheetech.edu
Woodstock Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	www.chattahoocheetech.edu
Reinhardt University	www.reinhardt.edu

Gordon

Gordon County Campus (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu/student-services/index.php
Richardson Road Training Center (Satellite campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College)	www.gntc.edu/student-services/index.php

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	612	445	861	-27.3	93.5
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General°	217	158	244	-27.2	54.4
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	16	21	43	31.3	104.8
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	12	19	42	58.3	121.1
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	13	12	10	-7.7	-16.7
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	136	115	161	-15.4	40.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	88	57	127	-35.2	122.8
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	657	634	1,165	-3.5	83.8
Business Administration and Management, General°	210	267	1,039	27.1	289.1
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	24	31	57	29.2	83.9
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	11	9	6	-18.2	-33.3
Child Care and Support Services Management°	23	15	19	-34.8	26.7
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	304	364	725	19.7	99.2
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	6	12	8	100.0	-33.3
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	50	34	181	-32.0	432.4
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	45	65	175	44.4	169.2
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	35	26	96	-25.7	269.2
Construction Management°	9	3	6	-66.7	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	327	310	607	-5.2	95.8

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	35	30	23	-14.3	-23.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	232	153	312	-34.1	103.9
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	31	18	37	-41.9	105.6
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	14	16	27	14.3	68.8
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	108	66	218	-38.9	230.3
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	130	145	191	11.5	31.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	45	45	80	0.0	77.8
Design and Visual Communications, General°	40	38	99	-5.0	160.5
Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician	21	15	15	-28.6	0.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	53	54	103	1.9	90.7
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	143	140	248	-2.1	77.1
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	12	10	16	-16.7	60.0
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	33	12	30	-63.6	150.0
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	43	41	81	-4.7	97.6
Electrician°	40	34	84	-15.0	147.1
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	138	139	359	0.7	158.3
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	3	1	12	-66.7	1100.0
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	13	7	15	-46.2	114.3
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	37	41	49	10.8	19.5
Fire Services Administration	16	11	24	-31.3	118.2
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	32	41	99	28.1	141.5
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	25	19	85	-24.0	347.4
Graphic Design°	2	4	1	100.0	-75.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	32	40	116	25.0	190.0
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	65	71	183	9.2	157.7
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	194	158	420	-18.6	165.8
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	17	42	196	147.1	366.7
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	262	276	577	5.3	109.1
Instrumentation Technology/Technician°	18	13	34	-27.8	161.5
Interior Design°	12	17	213	41.7	1152.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	195	156	293	-20.0	87.8
Logistics and Materials Management°	2	5	22	150.0	340.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	75	82	117	9.3	42.7
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	50	34	46	-32.0	35.3
Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage	9	9	9	0.0	0.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other°	3	1	14	-66.7	1300.0

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	33	17	41	-48.5	141.2
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	101	73	120	-27.7	64.4
Medical Office Management/Administration	8	5	19	-37.5	280.0
Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist	6	8	8	33.3	0.0
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	2	1	1	-50.0	0.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	198	172	308	-13.1	79.1
Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology/Technician°	3	6	47	100.0	683.3
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	84	99	198	17.9	100.0
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	159	158	241	-0.6	52.5
Occupational Therapist Assistant	19	19	16	0.0	-15.8
Operations Management and Supervision°	3	7	25	133.3	257.1
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	45	27	39	-40.0	44.4
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	34	43	58	26.5	34.9
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	13	16	17	23.1	6.3
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	96	59	561	-38.5	850.8
Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/Technician°	19	21	24	10.5	14.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	53	53	43	0.0	-18.9
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	46	50	57	8.7	14.0
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	13	9	14	-30.8	55.6
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	15	11	11	-26.7	0.0
Retailing and Retail Operations°	3	1	7	-66.7	600.0
Social Work, Other°	19	33	41	73.7	24.2
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	54	54	79	0.0	46.3
Teacher Assistant/Aide°	4	9	25	125.0	177.8
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	105	141	271	34.3	92.2
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	13	21	28	61.5	33.3
Welding Technology/Welder°	216	270	817	25.0	202.6

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Bartow	975	155	107	91	148	16	25	7	48	42	179	157
Cherokee	4,001	646	449	1,315	305	111	32	81	222	287	420	133
Dawson	319	56	31	63	38	8	14	2	31	31	30	15
Gilmer	1,316	213	129	166	10	0	154	45	85	56	279	179
Gordon	514	73	52	97	103	4	18	0	44	1	67	55
Pickens	591	104	48	126	34	0	3	6	57	51	151	11
Subtotal Area	7,716	1,247	816	1,858	638	139	246	141	487	468	1,126	550

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Bartow	6,269	103	283	167	93	426	1,226	61	327	873	1,921	789
Cherokee	8,906	131	274	77	205	1,821	3,942	13	255	697	705	786
Dawson	1,056	1	45	6	15	267	343	1	30	83	139	126
Gilmer	3,541	86	184	105	52	371	1,141	37	149	169	615	632
Gordon	2,582	33	89	100	8	151	806	2	39	237	746	371
Pickens	2,703	0	180	34	55	413	787	0	146	194	549	345
Subtotal Area	25,057	354	1,055	489	428	3,449	8,245	114	946	2,253	4,675	3,049

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

1048 Appalachian Hwy
Blue Ridge GA 30513

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